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Cold Regions Lab Welcomes New Director

HANOVER, N.H.—Dr. Barbara J. Sotirin has been selected by Lieutenant General Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers and Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the fifth director of the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL). Dr. Sotirin will act as the “head of agency,” joining CRREL’s current Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mark C. Nelson.

CRREL’s mission is to gain knowledge of the cold regions through scientific and engineering research, and to put that knowledge to work for the Corps of Engineers, the Army, the Department of Defense, and the Nation. CRREL, headquartered in Hanover, New Hampshire, with a field office in Fairbanks, Alaska, is DoD’s only laboratory addressing problems and opportunities unique to the world’s cold regions.

Dr. Sotirin’s past research and travels with the Navy in San Diego, California, and assignment with the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington, D.C., make her ideally suited to serve as the director of CRREL.

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